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In re Application of: NISHIHATA et al.

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Title: STOCK SHAPE FOR MACHINING
AND PRODUCTION PROCESS
THEREOF

Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated April 15, 2009 (herein referred to as "the Office Action" or "this Office Action").

A shortened statutory period for reply was set to expire on July 15, 2009. Applicants enclose herewith a One-Month Petition for Extension. Thus, this Amendment is timely filed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees required by this paper or any other paper filed in connection with the above application in future to Deposit Account No. 18-0586.